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# EVIDENCE OF CIVIL UNREST HAMAH, SYRIA

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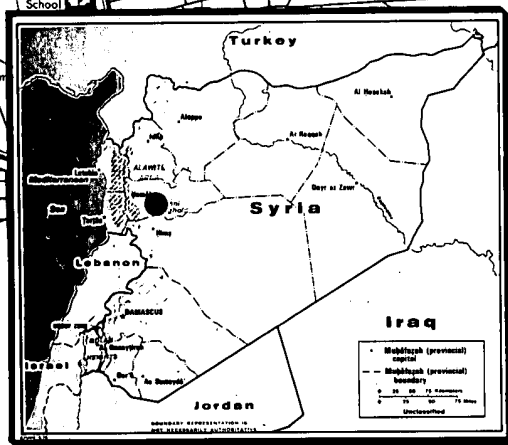
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HEAVILY DAMAGED AREAS

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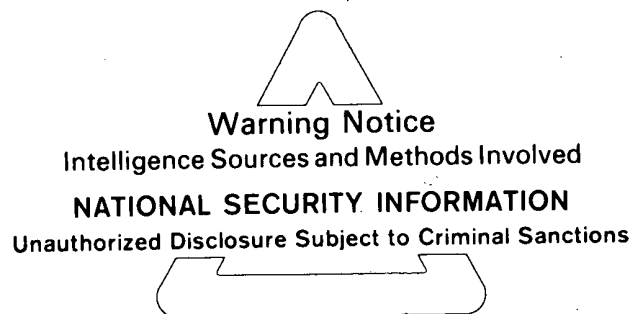
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3 PART GRAPHIC**EVIDENCE OF CIVIL UNREST**  
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1. (S/D) **SIGNIFICANCE:** CIVIL UNREST HAS RESULTED IN HEAVY DAMAGE TO PARTS OF THE CITY.2. (S/D) **REMARKS:** THE ENTIRE CITY HAS SUSTAINED WIDESPREAD DAMAGE

THREE AREAS IN THE CENTRAL SECTION (GRAPHIC 1 OF 3) SHOW EVIDENCE OF SEVERE DAMAGE. SEVERAL CHURCHES AND MOSQUES APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR DESTRUCTION (GRAPHIC 2 OF 3), PERHAPS BECAUSE THEY SERVED AS GATHERING PLACES FOR THE DISSIDENTS. BULLDOZERS ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CLEARING RUBBLE FROM MANY OF THE DESTROYED AND DAMAGED BUILDINGS (GRAPHIC 3 OF 3), INDICATING THAT A LULL OR AN END TO THE FIGHTING HAS OCCURRED. A DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TENTS AND VEHICLES, IN THE SPORTS COMPLEX SOUTH OF THE CITY INDICATES THAT THE UNITS MAY BE PREPARING TO RETURN TO THEIR NORMAL GARRISON AREAS.

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(S/D) MAJOR ELEMENTS OF ONE TANK COMPANY AND ONE BMP ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER-EQUIPPED MECHANIZED INFANTRY BATTALION REMAIN DEPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE CITY. THESE UNITS ARE PROBABLY ELEMENTS OF THE 47TH INDEPENDENT ARMORED BRIGADE GARRISONED IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE CITY AT HAMAH ARMOR BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS AND THE 21ST MECHANIZED INFANTRY BRIGADE OF THE 3RD ARMORED DIVISION FROM AL QUTAYFAH ARMY BARRACKS AND TRAINING CENTER AND HEADQUARTERS

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(S/D) UPRISINGS BY MEMBERS OF THE MOSLEM BROTHERHOOD HAVE OCCURRED IN HAMAH IN 1980, IN DECEMBER 1981, AND AGAIN SINCE LATE JANUARY 1982. IN EACH INSTANCE THE SYRIAN AUTHORITIES SEALED OFF THE CITY.

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(S/D) HAMAH IS APPROXIMATELY 100 NM NORTH-NORTHEAST OF DAMASCUS AND 40 NM FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA. IT IS LARGELY A SUNNI CITY AND A STRONGHOLD OF THE MOSLEM BROTHERHOOD. HAMAH HAS LONG BEEN A CENTER OF ACTIVITY AGAINST PRESIDENT ASSAD'S MINORITY ALAWITE REGIME.

3. BE N/A, COORDINATES N/A

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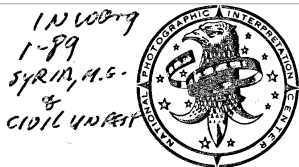
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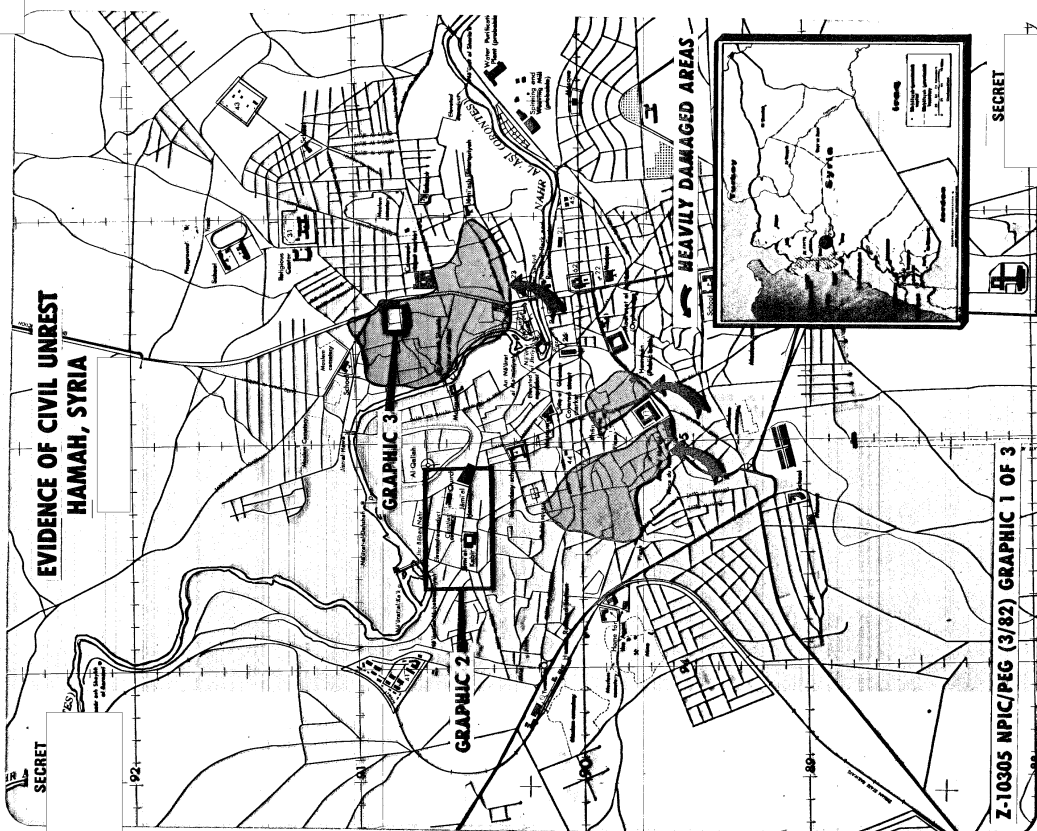
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